

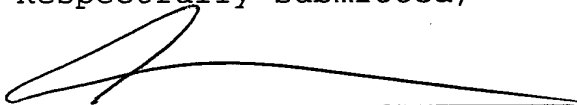
REMARKS

Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The specification has been amended to refer to the earlier filed patent application.

Entry of the preliminary amendments and examination of the application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.40830VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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